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The Killeen Police Department received a 911 call at 11:40pm on Saturday, July 13, 2013, telling officers there was a man causing a disturbance in the pool area of the Grandon Manor Apartments located at 1611 Grandon Dr. The caller advised a white male resident came out of his apartment with a weapon and walked to the pool area and threatened the people in the pool; he then walked back into his apartment.

The officers arrived at the complex to find the male inside apartment #6E holding a long rifle in a threatening manner. The Tactical Response Unit was deployed to 1611 Grandon Dr. at 11:56pm. The tactical officers were attempting to speak with the armed male when he fired one shot. The male then came to the door with his hands up but failed to come outside, the officers attempted to take the suspect into custody when he backed into his apartment and armed himself with the AK47 and began shooting at the officers.

Two Killeen Police Tactical officers were wounded; officers returned fire killing the suspect. Both officers were transported by ambulance to the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center in critical condition. One officer was stabilized and subsequently transferred to Scott & White Memorial Hospital; he is undergoing surgery at this time.

Update – July 16, 2013

Major General Anthony Ierardi, III Corps and Fort Hood Senior Commander released the following statement:

“On behalf of Fort Hood, I am deeply saddened at the loss of a member of the Killeen Police Department. I extend my sincerest condolences to Officer Robert (Bobby) Hornsby’s family. Our thoughts and prayers are with them. I would also extend my hope for a full and rapid recovery to Officer Juan E. Obregon Jr., who was wounded in the incident. I am grateful for the bravery of the men and women serving in local law enforcement and their commitment to the public’s safety.”

The deceased suspect has been identified as 24 year old Dustin Cole, a Fort Hood soldier.

This case continues to be investigated and information will be provided as it becomes available.

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